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- f) Claim 3 "composite cleaning."
- g) Claims 9-13 the duplication of "sandalwood oil."
- h) Claims 9-13 "citrus/mint."
- i) Claim 22 "the essential oil in each household product within the kit comprising at least one identical essential oil."
- j) Claim 25, "petuli oil."
- k) Claims 3, 21 and 22 for containing an improper Markush group.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 1-21 Have Been Rejected As Anticipated by Cheung et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,177,388)

Claims 1-21 Have Been Rejected As Anticipated by Ferguson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,045,813)

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-25 Have Been Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) As Unpatentable Over Cheung et al. and Ferguson et al. in View of Bonett (U.S. 6,127,330) in Further View of Orson (U.S. 5,081,104) and Bajgrowicz (U.S. 6,239,314).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A clean copy of the amended claims in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 will be provided at the end of this Amendment.

1. (AMENDED) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons or animals within an ambient environment comprising directly applying a liquid composition to an inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, foreign matter removal, moisturizing, dish soaps, and ironing liquids, the liquid composition comprising an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the

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ambient environment to effect aromatherapy on persons or animals within the ambient environment, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting essentially of materials selected from the group consisting of water and alcohols.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the household function comprises cleaning of an inanimate surface.
3. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the household function is selected from the group consisting of wood cleaning, glass cleaning, ceramic cleaning, metal cleaning, [or] and composite cleaning.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the essential oil is an antibacterial agent.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
6. The method of claim 2 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
7. The method of claim 3 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
8. The method of claim 4 wherein the liquid composition is free of any antibacterial agents other than the essential oil or essential oil and alcohol.
9. (AMENDED) The method of claim 5 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of as sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, petuli oil, [citrus/mint] citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomille oil, [sandalwood oil,] costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract,

carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

10. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of ~~as~~ sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, petuli oil, [citrus/mint] citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomille oil, [sandalwood oil,] costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

11. (AMENDED) The method of claim 5 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of ~~as~~ sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, petuli oil, [citrus/mint] citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomille oil, [sandalwood oil,] costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

12. (AMENDED) The method of claim 9 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of ~~as~~ sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, petuli oil, [citrus/mint] citrus oil and mint oil combinations, chamomille oil, [sandalwood oil,] costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

13. (AMENDED) The method of claim 6 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of ~~as~~ sandalwood oil, citronella oil, ylang ylang oil, neroli oil, bergamot oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, verbena oil, citronella

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oil, cajuout oil, salvia oil, clove oil, petuli oil, citrus/mint oil combinations, chamomille oil, [sandalwood oil,] costus oil, labdanum oil, broom extract, carrot seed extract, jasmine extract, mimosa extract, narcissus extract, olibanum extract, and rose extract.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
15. The method of claim 5 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
16. The method of claim 6 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
17. The method of claim 8 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
18. The method of claim 9 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
19. The method of claim 11 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
20. The method of claim 12 wherein the liquid composition comprises at least 0.2% by total weight as essential oil.
21. (AMENDED) A household cleaning product for effecting aromatherapy to an ambient environment comprising a liquid composition comprising at least 0.2% by total weight of an antibacterial essential oil and a separate ingredient that effects a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, starching, polishing, [or] and finishing.

liquid or household function?